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## Pomona Woman Sentenced for Fatally Stabbing Boyfriend

A 27-year-old woman convicted of stabbing her boyfriend to death was sentenced today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Lisa Coen said Erica Artavia Campbell was sentenced to 15 years to life in state prison by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Peter A. Hernandez in West Covina.

A jury convicted Campbell on Feb. 11 of second-degree murder in the death of Markeon Taylor, 24.

Coen said on April 2, 2012, Campbell and Taylor got into a fight at her brother's Pomona apartment.

A witness testified in court that on the day of the incident, Campbell got into Taylor's face in the kitchen. Her brother tried to diffuse the situation, however Campbell charged at Taylor and stabbed him in the chest with a knife.

The prosecutor said Campbell stabbed Taylor with such force that the knife pierced his heart, causing him to bleed out.

Authorities were called and Taylor was taken to a hospital where he later died. Campbell was interviewed by police and charged in connection with the death on April 5.

Taylor, from Tennessee, was living in Southern California to attend a murder trial in which his brother was the victim. Marquis Leblanc, 18, was beaten and shot to death by gang members on April 17, 2009.

The case was investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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